



Boat Ramp News Winter 2007



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Ramp Closures!

Improvements and Maintenance will necessitate closures to Lake Washington Boat Ramps.

The good news is that three very exciting boat ramp improvement projects are in the construction phase. The bad news is that it will result in some closure periods as construction is underway. Construction is permitted and scheduled during the late summer through early winter to avoid impacts on fish and eagle populations. The preliminary schedule is noted below with periodic updates available on our web page at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Boats/motorized.htm>

Atlantic City Boat Ramp is closed November 13 to mid February. Earthquake damage and underwater erosion will be corrected as three short docks will be replaced by two long floats to increase launching capacity plus increased areas for staging and tie-down. The increased capacity will accommodate 8 boats instead of the 6 boats that it previously accommodated. During this closure, Sayres will remain open but it will have limited parking. Coulon Park in Renton is another close alternative. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Project Manager Colleen Browne @ 684-4155

Stan Sayres Boat Ramp has reduced parking on site as the Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center expansion is now under construction and will continue into the spring of 2007. As this work nears completion, the focus will shift to the parking lot which will be rebuilt and replaced with a drainage water filtration system added. This work is planned for August 2007, immediately following Seafair. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Project Manager Andy Sheffer @ 684-7041

Magnuson Boat Ramp will be closed for a few months in 2007 to allow for the complete replacement of the aging underwater ramps and modification of docks to improve ADA accessibility. In addition the park is expected to have a new electrical service installed by summer. Questions should be directed to Project Manager Garrett Farrell @ 233-7921.

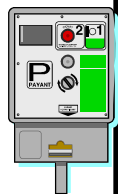


New Features and Upgrades

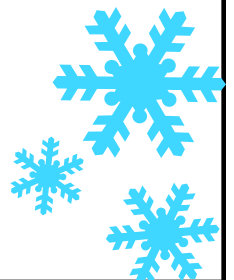
Over the years we have received many suggestions regarding our fee collection system. We've heard your suggestions and made some changes to the way you can use our system.

In the past few months we have put a lot of effort into bringing our fee collection machines up to date with hardware and software upgrades. Recently released new \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills have necessitated an upgrade to our bill collection software. This upgrade along with several others have been made to all of our facilities. These upgrades include:

- All of our sites now have their bill reading component upgraded to current bill acceptance standards. Now you can use any bill, new or old, at the fee machine.
- Stan Sayres and Don Armeni had their change dispensing hardware switched from quarters to dollar coins. This will make a huge difference when receiving change. When quarters were dispensed you received 20 coins for \$5 worth of change. With the new dispenser you will receive only 5 coins for \$5 worth of change.
- All sites have had software upgrades that allow you to select overnight when paying at the electronic fee machine. This should simplify the process for customers wishing to stay overnight. Now all customers can avoid using envelopes.



Reminder! Winter weather like endless rain, freezing temps and snow can be really rough on boats. It is a good idea to check in on your boat (moored, dry docked or parked) throughout the winter. A little attention now can save you some money later.



2007 Annual Boat Launch Permits On Sale Now

Save time and money with a Seattle Parks Annual Boat Launch Permit.

An Annual Boat Launch Permit (ABLP) can make launching and retrieving your boat easier and faster. The ABLP is a time and money saving way to enjoy any of the five major boat ramps in Seattle.

A Day Use Only permit costs \$80.00 and will pay for itself after just 17 launches.

An annual pass, which includes overnight privileges of up to four consecutive nights, costs only \$110.00. You will recover the cost of this pass after only a few overnight launches.

Both the Daily Use and Overnight ABLP allow a user to bypass the fee kiosk when launching.

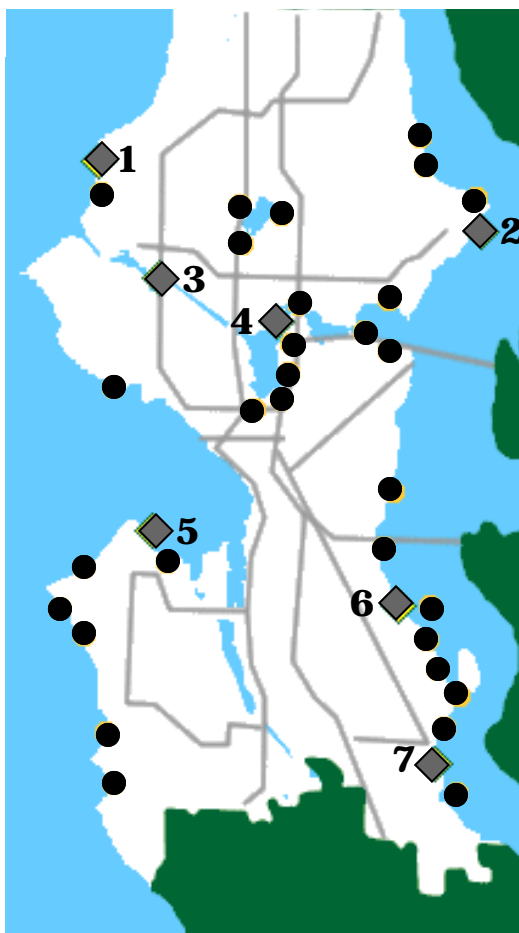
The ABLP makes a great gift for the boater in your life. To purchase an annual pass, call 206-684-7249 and ask to receive an application by mail or pay over the phone with a credit card.

Seacrest Update

To help increase diver safety at the popular Seacrest Boathouse and Pier, the City of Seattle has installed a series of new marine navigation buoys. The purposes are to help increase safety awareness by boaters and to further separate divers from nearby activities, including the Elliott Bay Water Taxi.

The City has also installed a series of smaller yellow buoys as a reference point for divers, fishermen, and boaters. Diving is not allowed within 150 feet of the Seacrest Pier. The perimeter is marked underwater with a rope line and at the surface with buoys. Signs along the shoreline provide a map of the closed area.

Motorized:  Hand Carry: 



We're on the web!
www.seattle.gov/
parks/boats

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| 2. Magnuson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. 14th Ave | * | |
| 4. Sunnyside | * | |
| 5. Don Armeni | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Stan Sayers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Atlantic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

* Street parking only available at these boat ramps.

!!!Don Armeni users... while headlights are always required during hours of darkness, please use the level staging area for rigging which will reduce the time your headlights are shining into the front rooms of the homes across the street. Just as you enjoy floating on Puget Sound, the folks across the street enjoy their views of Elliott Bay.

Boating On the Web

Seattle Parks and Recreation

www.seattle.gov/parks/boats

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

www.wdfw.wa.gov

Washington State Parks Boating

www.parks.wa.gov/boating.asp

United States Power Squadron District 16

www.usps.org/localusps/d16

Seattle Police Harbor Patrol

www.cityofseattle.net/police/units/harbor.htm

Washington Water Trails

www.wwta.org

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

www.noaa.gov

Washington State Boating Facilities Maps

www.iac.wa.gov/maps

Boat Washington

www.boatwashington.org

Additional Resources

All Emergencies.....911
Seattle Police Harbor Patrol.....206-684-4071
Seattle Parks and Recreation.....206-684-4075
Boat Ramp Supervisor.....206-684-7249

Boating Safety Classes.....1-800-336-BOAT
US Coast Guard District 13.....206-217-6200
24 Hour Emergency.....206-217-6231
Oil Spill Reporting1-800-258-5990
Canada Geese Hotline.....1-866-487-3297